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SUBJ: EXPLOSION OF LETHALGAS IN LOMBARDY

REF: A. ROME 12016 B. ROME 12044. C. STATE 183388.

D. STATE 185891. E. MILAN 1690. F. STATE 188499

1. THE STATUS OF ACTIVITIES AS OF JULY 29 IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS ACQUIRED SERVICES OF AN ENGLISH EXPERT, AN EEC EXPERT, AND AN AMERICAN EXPERT, DR. PHILIP KEARNEY, CHIEF OF THE PESTICIDEDEGRADATION LABORATORY OF THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AT BELTSVILLE, MD. 20705 (301 344 3533).

3. ON JULY 29 A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, CHAIRED BY THE CHIEF OF CABINET. REPRESENTATIVES OF THZ MINISTRY, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OX ROME AND DR. KEARNEY WERE PRESENT AS WELL AS EMBASSY REPRESENTATION FRO
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AGRICULTURE, POL/MIL AND SCIENCE.

4. THE ITALIAN GROUP HEADED BY PROX. POCCHIARI, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, HAS ACCUMULATED A GREAT DEAL OF DATA, SOME OF WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, IS BEING FORWARDED TO DR. SPIELMAN, OES/SCI (THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION IS WITH DR. KEARNEY). THE DATA INCLUDES ALL THE MATERIAL REQUESTED IN STATE 183388 AND MUCH MORE.

5. THE ITALIAN DELEGATION STRESSED THE URGENT NEED IN ITALY FO MEDLINE AND TOXLINE AND REQUESTED CONNECTION TO THOSE SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REQUEST PROCEDURAL INFORMWTION BE SENT TO SCICOUNSELOR.

6. DR. KEARNEY STATED THWT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE PROCE- DURES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ITALIAN SCIENTISTS AND EMPHASIZED THE AMERICAN DESIRE TO ASSIST THE ITALIANS IN SOLUTION OF THEIR PROBLEM THROUGH COUNSEL SUCH AS THAT RECOMMENDING A TEST SITE IN THE AREA FOR ENZYME AND A TEST SITE IN THE AREA FOR DDT NEUTRALIZATION TECHNIQUES WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

7. THE COMMUNISTS, SPECIFICALLY GIOVANNI BERLINGUER, STATED ON JULY 29 IN PARLIAMENT THAT THE COMPANY WAS PRODUCING A PRODUCT FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. FOR WEAPONS USE. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH STATES HE FORMALLY DENIED THE ACCUSATION AND ADDED THE FACT THAT THE PRODUCT PRODUCED IS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COSMETICS.

8. IN THE EARLY EVENING A SECOND MEETING WAS HELD. IT WAS CHAIRED BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND INCLUDED AMONG THE 17 PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTATION FROM THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THOSE FROM THE MORNING MEETING. IN THIS MEETING THE MINISTER SUMMED UP THZ STATUS AS CONSISTING OF TWO EQUALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, (1) HUMAN MEDICAL PRECAUTION AND TREATMENT AND (B) THE DEGRADATION OF THE AFFECTED AREA.

9. DR. KEARNEY DEPARTED ROME FOR MILAN AFTER THE SECOND MEETING TO CONSIDER THE DATA TAKEN AND TO CONDUCT AN ON-SITE SURVEY WITH PROF. POCCHIARI, THE ENGLISH AND EEC EXPRTS, AND LOCAL ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

10. THREE AMERICAN DOCTORS, INCLUDING DR. SILIKOFF OF MOUNT UNCLASSIFIED

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SINAI HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK, HAVE SOLICITED THE ITALIANS FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES. NONE HWVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

11. RE STATE 188499, EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE ON THIS CRISIS. DOCUMENTS WILL BE HELPFUL. FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST EMBASSY EXPECTS NO FURTHER GOI REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.VOLPE

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